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This is a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 to extend the time period for responding to the Office Action dated September 10, 2002 in the above-captioned patent application. Applicants respectfully request that the time period for reply be extended for a period of two months, from December 10, 2002 up to and including February 10, 2003.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), a check in the amount of **\$410.00** is enclosed to cover the estimated extension fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a). Please charge any deficiency in the required fee to our Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

Respectfully submitted,

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